

Amend Section 44-211 to read:

44-211 SPECIAL NEEDS IN CALWORKS

.1 through .4 (Continued)

.5 Homeless Assistance

.51 General

A homeless AU seeking permanent housing is eligible to receive homeless assistance. Homeless assistance is available to meet the reasonable costs of securing permanent housing, preventing eviction and meeting the costs of temporary shelter while the AU is seeking permanent housing. Any AU applying for homeless assistance shall be informed that these benefits are limited to once every 12 months, with exceptions (see Sections 44-211.514 and .54). ~~Further, the AU shall be informed that the temporary shelter payment of up to 16 consecutive days is only available during this consecutive 16-day period and that once this period ends, these benefits are exhausted, even if the AU has not received all 16 days of temporary shelter payments.~~

HANDBOOK (Continued)

.511 and .512 (Continued)

.513 An AU is eligible for a nonrecurring special need payment for homeless assistance once every 12 months unless the exception criteria in Section 44-211.54 or .514 is met. For each 12-month period, homeless assistance shall only be granted for a continuous period of homelessness caused by the same specific circumstance and is limited to a maximum of ~~one period of up to 16 consecutive calendar~~ days of temporary assistance and one payment of permanent housing assistance, with exceptions. A homeless assistance payment may be granted for either, or both, temporary shelter or permanent housing. An AU may only be granted a ~~16-consecutive-day period of temporary shelter assistance, if eligibility requirements are met,~~ after a permanent housing payment has been received if certain requirements are met (see Section 44-211.522). A permanent housing payment may be granted whether or not a payment for temporary shelter has been issued.

(a) through (c) (Continued)

.514 (Continued)

.515 In intercounty transfer cases, the county where the AU is physically located and intends to reside shall be responsible for the homeless assistance eligibility determination and issuance of the homeless assistance payment from the date of the request.

(a) (Continued)

(b) The new county of residence must determine if the AU has received homeless assistance in the previous county in the last 12 months and if so, how many of their 16 days they received. If not all 16 days were issued, the AU may be eligible for the remaining days of homeless assistance benefits in the new county.

.516 and .517 (Continued)

.52 Temporary Shelter

The temporary shelter payment is available once every 12 months, with exceptions (see Section 44-211.541), to a homeless AU for temporary shelter, when the AU is also seeking permanent housing.

.520 and .521 (Continued)

.522 An AU may receive temporary shelter assistance, after it has been granted permanent housing assistance, when the AU still needs temporary shelter prior to assuming occupancy of the permanent housing, provided ~~that the temporary shelter 16 consecutive-day limit has not expired~~ they have not exhausted their 16 days of benefits.

.523 (Continued)

.524 An AU determined to be homeless may be eligible for up to 16 ~~consecutive~~ days of temporary shelter assistance, regardless of the CWD's schedule for issuance of payments.

(a) ~~The 16-consecutive-day period begins on the first day for which a temporary shelter payment is provided to an AU~~ marks the beginning of the 12-month period during which the AU may receive their homeless assistance benefits.

(b) The AU must request all temporary shelter assistance before the end of the ~~16-consecutive-day limit~~ 12-month period. After the 12-month period has passed, the family may be

eligible for a new issuance of up to 16 days of homeless assistance benefits.

- (c) The AU must provide verification of shelter expenditures and a housing search to receive the next issuance of temporary shelter assistance or reimbursement for temporary shelter assistance for expenses incurred up to 16 days within the ~~16-day~~ 12-month period.

(d) and (e) (Continued)

- (f) After homelessness and, when applicable, an exception have been verified, benefits shall be issued on a weekly basis thereafter (up to seven days at a time) for a maximum total of 16 ~~consecutive calendar~~ days. An extension of benefits beyond the initial payment shall be based upon:

(1) and (2) (Continued)

- (3) The AU's documentation of a search for permanent housing while receiving temporary shelter benefits.

(A) through (C) (Continued)

- (D) An AU shall not be issued temporary shelter benefits if the AU has not met the housing search requirement, as outlined in Section 44-211.524(f)(3)(B), and if applicable, has not submitted verification of an exception. If the AU subsequently meets the housing and/or verification of an exception requirement(s) ~~within the 16-consecutive-day period~~, the AU shall continue to receive temporary shelter benefits ~~for the remainder of the 16-consecutive-day period~~ until the 16 days are exhausted, if otherwise eligible. ~~No payment shall be issued for those days during which noncooperation existed.~~

(g) (Continued)

.525 through .527 (Continued)

.53 (Continued)

.54 Homeless Exceptions

.541 Temporary and permanent housing assistance payments are each limited to once every 12 months with the following exceptions:

(a) (Continued)

(b) Limited to a maximum of ~~one period of up to 16 consecutive calendar~~ days of temporary shelter and one payment of permanent housing assistance in 12 months (see Section 44-211.513(b)(2)) when homelessness is the result of any of the following exceptions:

(1) through (3) (Continued)

(c) (Continued)

.542 through .546 (Continued)

.6 (Continued)

NOTE:

Authority cited: Sections 10553, 10554, 10604, 11209, and 11450(f) and (g), Welfare and Institutions Code.

Reference: Sections 11056, 11155.2(a), 11251.3, 11265.1, 11265.2, 11265.3, 11266(a)(2), 11271, 11272, 11273, and 11273(b), 11450, 11450.5, 11452.018(a), and 11453.2, Welfare and Institutions Code; 45 CFR 206.10(a)(1)(ii), 45 CFR 206.10(a)(8), 45 CFR 233.10(a)(1)(iv), 45 CFR 233.20(a)(2)(v)(A), 45 CFR 234.11, 45 CFR 234.60; and 42 USC, Section 606(b).